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NEWS RELEASE



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ADWR Director plans statewide speaking tour

Arizona Department of Water Resources Director Herb Guenther will undertake a statewide speaking schedule this month to present a series of rural water resource proposals for public consideration.

The Director plans to discuss proposals developed by the Statewide Water Advisory Group (SWAG) during the meetings the 50-plus-member group has held over the past several months.

The proposals to be discussed focus on four recommendations developed by the members of SWAG.

The recommendations are:

1. Cities, towns and counties need the authority to approve or disapprove developments based on the availability of an adequate supply of water,
2. A water development fund should be established,
3. A pilot rural water supply development and management district should be established, and
4. ADWR should maintain oversight for:
 - The establishment of water rights and
 - Technical evaluations for determination of adequacies, and
 - ADWR should continue to provide planning and technical assistance.

The SWAG was formed at the request of Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano as a means of assisting local residents to reach common ground on water needs for Arizona's diverse communities. The group has been meeting every two weeks since May 5, 2006 and is hoping to develop its findings into measures that can be introduced at the 2007 session of the Legislature.

"People were surprised initially to learn that diverse regions of Arizona had common water-resource issues," Guenther said. "The group has come together on a number of strategies for assuring that growth can be accommodated without placing undue stress on the limited resources of this arid environment."

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Statewide Water Advisory Group (SWAG)

SWAG PUBLIC APPEARANCE SCHEDULE

TOWN	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CONTACT
Safford	October 12, 2006	5 p.m.	City Council Chambers Phelps Dodge Room 808 7 th Ave. Safford, AZ	Jay Howe (928) 348-3143
Eagar	October 16	9:30 a.m.	Council Chambers 24 E. 2 nd St. Eagar, AZ	Bill Greenwood (928) 333-4128 x226
Snowflake / Taylor	October 16	1:30 p.m.	Northland Pioneer College Silvercreek Campus 1610 S. Main St. Snowflake / Taylor	
Benson	October 23	10 a.m.	Council Chambers 120 W. 6 th St. Benson, AZ	Linda Weiland (520) 586-2245 x23
Sierra Vista	October 23	2 p.m.	Sierra Vista Public Library Mona Bishop Room 1600 E. Tacoma Sierra Vista, AZ	Bob Strain (520) 459-4763
Flagstaff	October 25	9:30 a.m.	City Council Chambers 211 W. Aspen Ave. Flagstaff, AZ	Ron Doba (928) 779-7646
Kingman	October 25	6 p.m.	Supervisors Auditorium Mohave County Complex 700 W. Beale Kingman, AZ	Pete Byers (928) 753-0722
Prescott / Prescott Valley	October 26	10 a.m.	Prescott Rodeo Grounds Mackin Building 840 Rodeo Drive Prescott, AZ	John Munderloh (928) 759-3105
Cottonwood	October 26	4 p.m.	Public Safety Building Large Conference Room 199 S. 6 th St. Cottonwood, AZ	Bob Hardy (928) 634-5526
Payson	October 27	9 a.m.	Council Chambers Payson Town Hall 303 N. Beeline Hwy. Payson, AZ	Buzz Walker (928) 474-5242 x285

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